

The absolute necessity for having a State-wide fish law becomes more evident each year. The control of setting of nets is one of the biggest problems the Commission has to deal with. The heads of Maryland's rivers are the natural spawning ground for fish and the nets are so numerous and set so close together it is almost impossible for the fish to reach the spawning grounds. The Commission is seeking co-operation on the part of Virginia to help in this matter, but it will probably be necessary to secure Federal legislation.

The fish department propagated and planted 400,000,000 fish fry of the salt water varieties, such as white and yellow perch, shad, rock and pike, during the spring of 1921. The fresh water hatchery propagated and planted 998,350 brook and rainbow trout, large mouth bass, catfish, sunfish and crappie.

At the 1922 Legislature session the Commission had passed a bill increasing the tax from 1 cent to 2 cents per bushel on oysters caught within Maryland and from 1-3 cent to 2-3 cent on outstate oysters. This will increase revenue \$45,000 a year and will nearly make the Commission self-supporting. Several other bills were passed by the Legislature, principal among which was one giving authority to the Commission to reserve up to 1,000 acres of depleted oyster bottom in any part of the State, for the purpose of protecting the young growth to insure proper development.

The Game Warden's department liberated during the past year about 10,000 Mexican quail (partridges) into the covers of the State, as well as 2,900 pheasants, and distributed 8,954 pheasants' eggs to persons in the State who agreed to hatch the eggs and liberate the young birds. The game laws are being strictly enforced by a competent corps of Deputy Game Wardens, and game is becoming more plentiful in the State.

STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION,

Equitable Building, Baltimore.

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Joseph B. Harrington.....	1928	Easton
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Governor appoints three, not more than two of whom shall be of the same political faith, one for 6 years, one for 4 years, and one for 2 years, and as these terms expire the successor is appointed for 6 years. The Governor designates the chairman. (Ch. 800, 1914.)

The State Industrial Accident Commission is charged with the duty of administering the Workmen's Compensation Law. The law provides, first, for the payment of compensation to employees injured in certain extra-hazardous employments, and to their dependents in case of death; second, for all employers in such occupations shall secure the payment of such compensation by insuring their liability in a stock company, or the State Accident Fund, or by proving to the satisfaction of the Commission their financial ability to pay the compensation direct.

The business of the Commission is to administer to the Workmen's Compensation Act and involves determining what occupations are in-